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Raised Bill No. 1136

LCO No. 4676



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Mental
2 Health and Addiction Services shall develop a plan concerning mental
3 health services for young adults. Such plan shall consider and
4 recommend actions to establish and implement a program offering
5 services similar to services offered by Australia's Headspace national
6 youth mental health foundation.
- 7 (b) Not later than October 1, 2013, the commissioner shall submit
8 the plan described in subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with
9 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
10 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
11 matters relating to public health and appropriations.
- 12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioners of
13 Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families and
14 Social Services, in consultation with the Behavioral Health Partnership
15 Oversight Council, established pursuant to section 17a-22j of the

16 general statutes, shall establish and implement a regional behavioral
 17 health consultation and care coordination system similar to the
 18 Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project to provide primary care
 19 providers who serve children with assistance to access behavioral
 20 health services for their patients.

21 (b) Not later than October 1, 2013, said commissioners shall jointly
 22 submit a plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
 23 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
 24 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health,
 25 children, human services and appropriations concerning the program
 26 to be established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such plan
 27 shall include, but not be limited to, a timeline for implementing such
 28 program.

29 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families may adopt
 30 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
 31 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to develop a plan concerning the provision of mental health services to young adults and to require the Commissioners of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families and Social Services to establish a regional behavioral health consultation system for primary care providers who serve children.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]